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I will show you that fate can be changed!
I will take back what I have lost!

第1話　幽霊ビル

Chapter 1: Haunted Building

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Oh no! Mr. Beast is going to eat me.
Grawr! I can't take it anymore! I can't wait!
We can't do it here! What if someone sees us?
No...
It's because I'm a beast.
I'll eat them too!
Ooooh.... No....
Wait... a minute...
What's...that?
Hey.. Wait...
Huh!?

キャーあぁあぁあっ

……
Over there is it?

ﾌﾌﾌ
ﾌﾌﾌ

Air Rudder!

Aaaah! Help me! I don't want to be eaten!
いやぁあああっ
うおおおおおお
カプッ
キラッ
!!!
ゴッ

I've intruded on your meal, haven't I?
!!?
You should quietly return home. Get it?
Something as ugly as you, doesn't belong here.
Forgive me...
Unfortunately, this is the world of humans

Return to the "Vision"!
Over here! Follow me!
Oh my.
We don't need to be sending anyone to the Hospital.

グウウッ
……
グワアッ
ゴゴゴ
……
Ah...
Ah...
あ
レナ!!

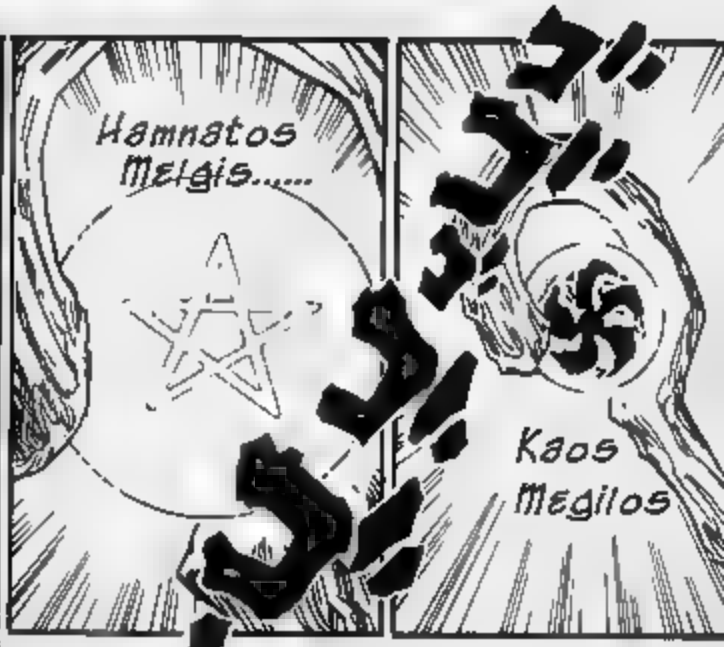
Great Lord of the Underworld, I seek a covenant with thee.
Upon the cursed blood of the ancients, I summon to this place, the winged harbringers of death and darkness.
I release thee from thy icy restraints!
To send my adversary to the eternal sleep of death...
Come Forth!
Cykroz Helgis Meteos Helgitos...

Barbarone!
Daughter of Darkness...
グオ…
……!!

Welcome Barbarone.
This is a sacrifice for you, my beautiful lady.
!!!
!!!

Precious jewels, bestow to me the power to bring destruction to my foe and all who serve him.

...Hss...


Hamnatos Meigis.....
Kaos Megilos

!!?
...Begone!
ガオオッ
...
Tch...
It got away.

.....
You can hear the rumble of his breathing.
He's close by!!
The Great Demon King!
Brave One,
This is the moment you have been waiting for.
There is nothing stopping you now!
Ready Yourself!

25Hit! 26Hit!
And this!
Some of this!
24Hit!
Uryaa!
Take this!
23Hit!
More of
that!
おりゃ
カカカカ
カタカタ
カタン
1coin
すげ
すげ!
ガガー
!!
ガガー
ドドドドド
ウィ
ウィ
カタカタ
カカカ
ガガガガ
タタタ
ガッ

おおーーー
パチパチ
パチパチ
Ouboken!
Super...
MAX Hit!!
Finishing Strike!
アミューズセンター モンスーン
モンスーン
ゲー
ガヤガヤ
一緒で決めたぜ
Heh heh heh...
ガヤガヤ...

You're the first person to clear the game at that store.
That was awesome Wataru!
Video games are the only thing you're really good at. You suck at everything else.
Oh stop it, you're embarrassing me Kacchan!
It's no big deal! Anyone can do it!
Well, uh... You're cool! Everyone around here knows Wataru Miteni the Gamer!
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN!
Huh?
Why you!
Hey, look over there!
I know a good place! It's a place you won't feel inferior to anyone else!
I know I'm a gaming otaku.
Yeah, Yeah.

Ghosts, of course.
Uoooooh...
That's the building from the rumors right? Where THEY come out, right?
They?
Don't you know?
Anyway, if you're any slower, your mom is really going get on your case.
What? It's just a story that's been circulating the area lately.
Yeah, haha... don't scare me like that!
Just kidding. It's just a rumor. R-U-M-O-R
Oh yeah! I totally forgot!
My mom wouldn't do that, there's a soccer match tonight! Japan versus Iran!
Remember to watch it I'll see you tommorrow!

A haunted building?
(株)大松
(株)泡野工務店
.....
ジャリ…
(株)大松
(株)泡野工務店
.....
Time to go home.
There's no way ghosts could be here
It has been two years...
...since they've stopped construction on it.
Whs...!
Whs-whs-whs-whs-whs...!

Nooo!
Nanmaidabu
Nanmaidabu
Please let me achieve Nirvana!
Who are you? And what are you doing there?

Huh...?

?
Hey, Kaori! Is there something wrong over there?
Umm...I was...
Oh no, it's my dad.
It's nothing! I'm coming back now!
I'll overlook it this time. You better hurry and get going.
You really shouldn't take weird rumors so seriously.
Hey, wait!
That uniform! You're from Joutou Junior High, right? I'm Wataru Mitani, a second year student!
What about you?

I'll see you later Mitani-kun!
I'm Kaori Oshimatsu, I'm also a second year student.

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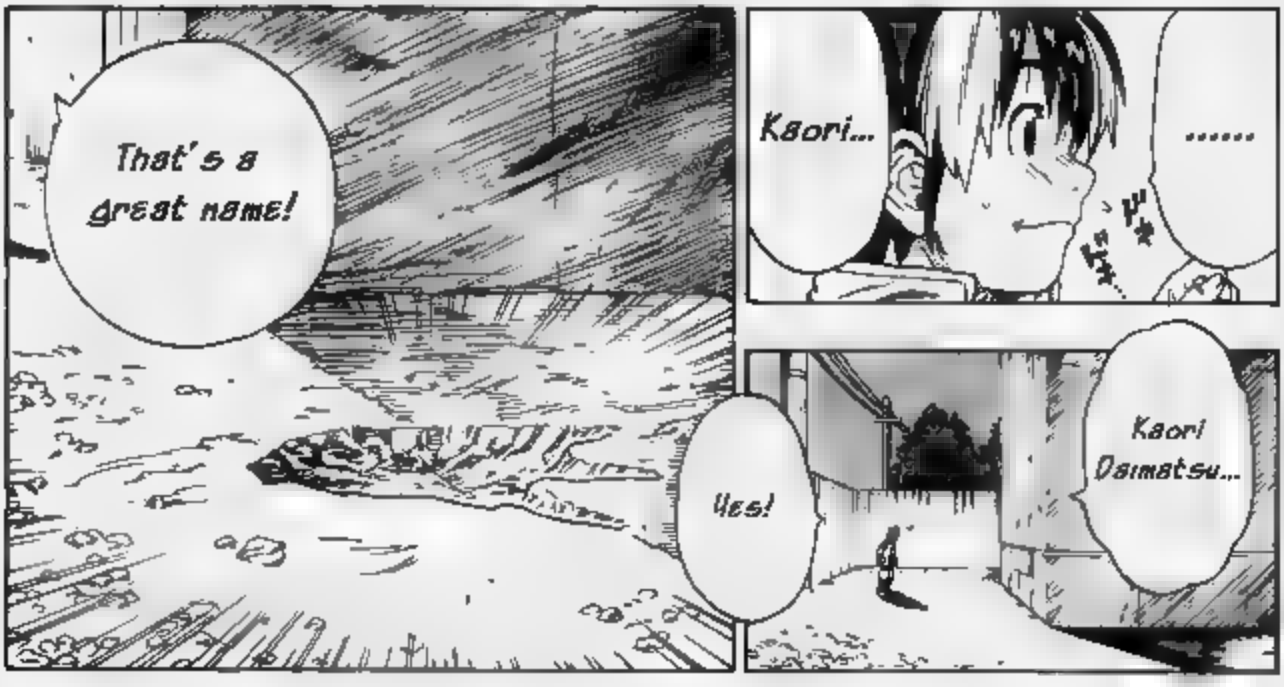
That's a great name!
Kaori...
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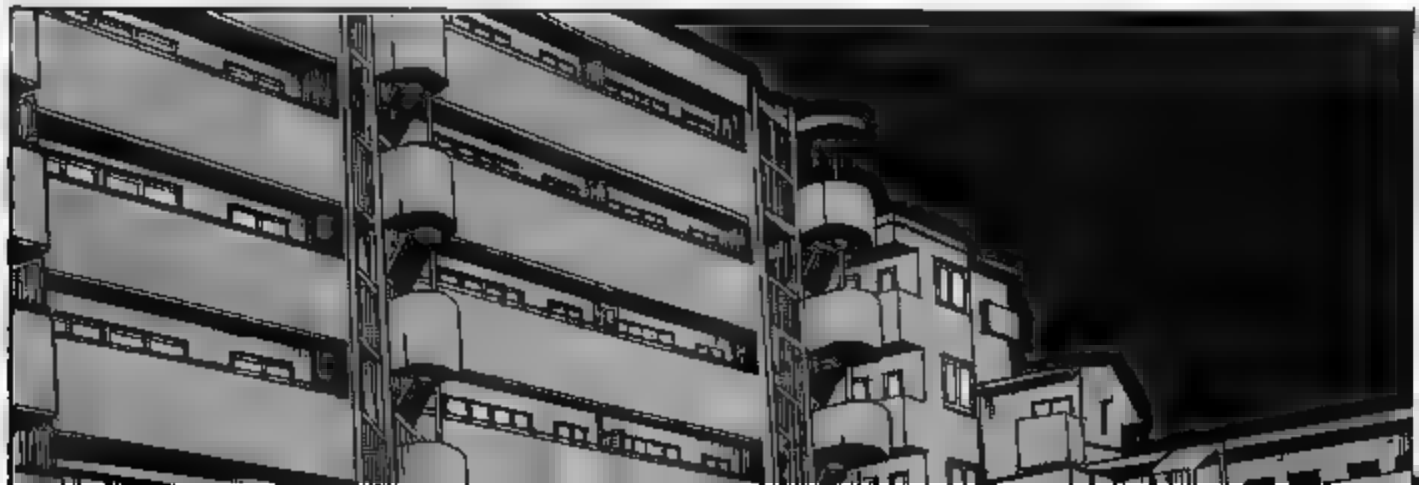
Yes!
Kaori Oshimatsu...



Why did construction stop on it?
You know that building next to the Mitsuhashi Shrine?
It's nothing really, I was just interested
You mean the one covered with the blue vinyl? Why are you asking about it now?
Hey, mom...
What is it?
It was during the festival celebrating the remodeling of the main building that the land was sold.
The maintenance became too much to handle it seems.
It's probably because that land belonged to the Mitsuhashi Shrine.
...
They all went bankrupt during construction.
It was like a bad omen. No one wanted to continue forward with it
When they were setting up the frame for the building, the company that was hired to do the work went bankrupt
The Daimatsu building was what was built there by the company that bought the land.
After that, many other construction firms took the offer but...

You should take the Housewives' Network a little more seriously.
Detailed! Expected of a future leader of the gossip hounds.

第一種！？
……
It may sound cruel but they deserved worse.
That area is a commercial district but right behind it is a first of its kind reserved residential area.

On that note, Dad is late today.
He had overtime again today...oh shoot, I wasn't supposed to say.

There seems to be a new student transfering into our class.
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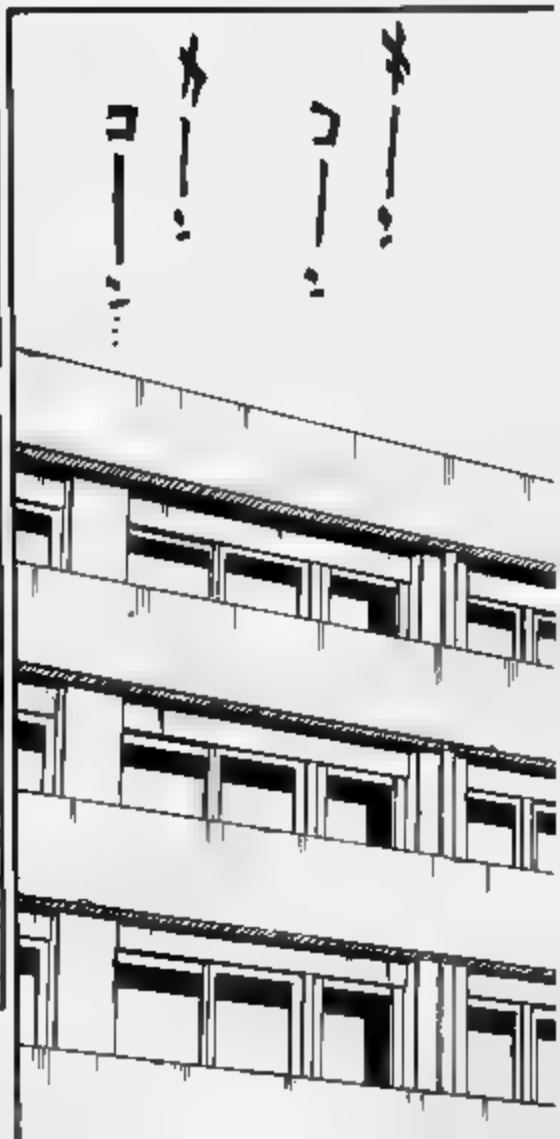
Hey! Did you hear Watary?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ー……

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How looking for someone?
Huh? Oh yeah, kind of.

They're all saying it's a girl returning from abroad.
キョロキョロ

AH!

Hahaha, don't worry about it
Just don't get used to it.
That build belongs to your family right?

I said my name was Mitani...I totally deserved that.
It's the suspicious character from yesterday!

Really?
.....
I'm sorry about yesterday. I didn't mean any harm.

Oo...
Oo...
Oo...
Oaimatsu -san!!

What? What's with you?

See you later Mitani -kun!
See you later!

.....
Yeah, it is...
Is that so...

Kya!!
Hey, I didn't mean anything like that..

Ho Ho!

Are you ok?
I'm fine. I must apologize to you for...
Ouch...
I'm sorry.
Hmm?
.....
I just transferred here as you can see
Oh, don't worry about it and thank you

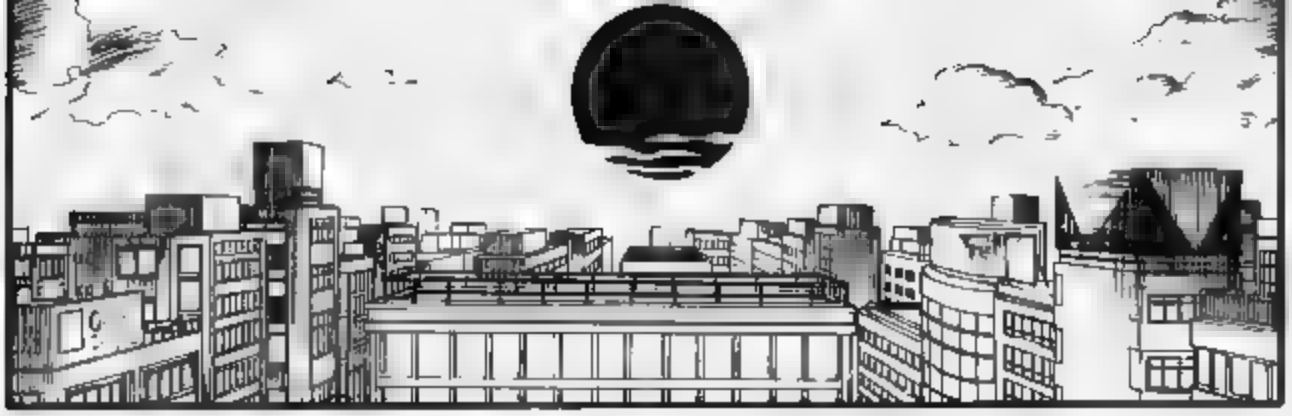
He's super cool!
Who was that? Was it the transfer student!?
Ashikawa-kun...
I'll see you around.
What are you doing Ashikawa?
Uh...
wha...
...at
What?
Wh...
Wh... Wha...
Listen to me everyone! This is the new transfer student.
2-C

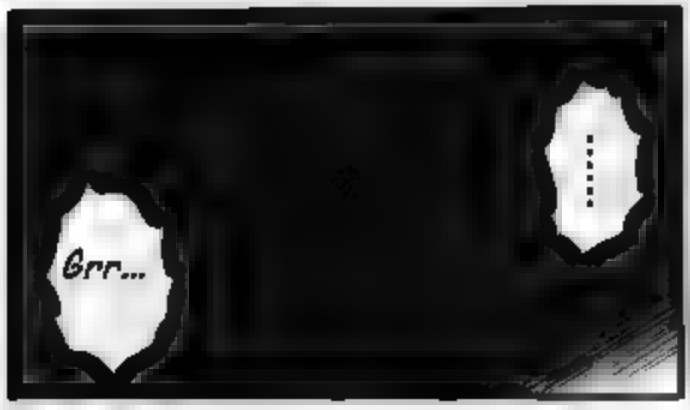
芦川美鶴
Uh...
Due to various circumstances, Mr. Ashikawa's family was staying in America.
With that over, they've returned to Japan and he's come to our school to study
Nice to meet you all.
My name is Mitsuru Ashikawa.
おお
He's scored as high as our top alumni. He's quite a genius.
I hope you can all get along and learn together.
77
He's in the same class?

Take this! My super kick...
Huh?
Here I come!
GOAL!!!
Ugh...
Shit...

Hey Ashikawa, you gotta join the Soccer team! You'll definitely become an ace at it.
Thank you but I don't intend on joining any teams or clubs.
キャイ キャイ
Ashikawa-kun is so cool!
He's smart and he's really good at sports!
ざわ ざわ ざわ ざわ
.....
What? Quit sulking.
Hey, look over there
So there are people like that...He's one of those guys that are just born with talent.
ちょいちょい
?

Hey Ashikawa, you got a sec?
!!
I have a proposition for you.
After school today, how about we all go out and have some fun as a welcoming for you?
That sounds great!
Sorry, but I can't today...
Come on! It's just one day, you'll be fine!
I'll show you. I can't lose when it comes to videogames.

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Grr...

Grr...

アミューズセンター モンスーン

Guh...
That's it! Right there!
Right there! Get him!
Oh man, he's good at videogames too
No way!
.....!!!
Fire!
FINISH
Spell Magic
Uwaaah!

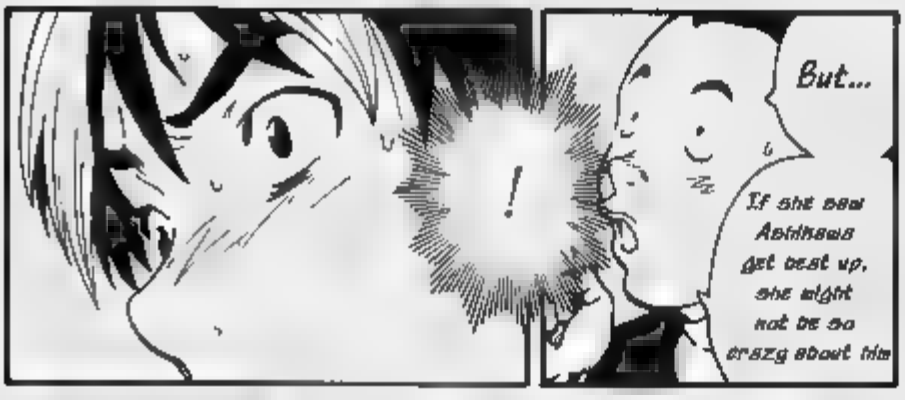
That was cool! This is the first time I've ever encountered a player as good as you.
Yay! You lost Mitani!
Shut it!
The only reason I won was because of luck.
No. Even if it's a game, talent is talent
!
Since you're making fun of him, why don't you battle him?
You should cut that out Micchi! You're giving the idiot some hope!
Huh...?
Even if he's good, it's just a videogame
When someone's in trouble...
Umm...I have other things to do. I've got to get going.

Ah, there's someone I haven't seen before.
I know him. He's the new transfer student, Ashikawa.
!!
Maybe he really is a kind and nice guy.
How too.
Shut it baldy!
!!
Hey! What are you guys...
That's some audacious talk there
Eek!
That's Ishioka and his posse They're third year students and a bunch.
How about going out with us for a little?
Where are we going?
A building near here, it's always under construction.

They say ghosts come out of that building.
If you guys want to, you can come with us.

Under construction. It can't be!

What are we going to do? How going? How scared?
How about you go!?
R.P.G
Hell no!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But...
If she saw Ashikawa get beat up, she might not be so crazy about him

Hey, Wataru. They wouldn't be talking about that building could they?
They are...
Wouldn't it be dangerous? What if those guys run into Kaori-chan?

What is it? Something wrong Wataru?

Hey!! Wataru!!!

ハアッ
ハアッ
ハアッ
ハアッ
What was I thinking? What could I have possibly thought?
That was cool! This is the first time I've ever encountered a player as good as you.
ハアッ
ハッ
ゼッ
At that instant, I truly hoped that it wouldn't happen?
He was always so honest.
……
Ashikawa!
ガシャン

!!?
What's...
Ashikawa? Where are the other guys?
Ah...
Ah...
Help... me!
!?

Iwaoka! Your leg, what happened?
Ah...
ШААА-АННН!!!
Did you do this!?
Ashikawa, did...
It can't be...!

Wha...
!
ドドドド...
!!!!!??
What's that!?

ハハハ
It had to be here of all places.
Finally, I didn't think you were ever going to come out.
...You got away last night but you're going to die this time you monkey bastard!
Uhh, I came to help you.
My name's Mitsuru.
I am a traveler.
You surprised me, tonight, I know what you can do. I have the advantage now.
You'll wish you could hide. This symbol bestows me magical powers
Huh...?

!!!?
ゴゴゴゴ

ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ
Release him!
That'll be the gong for Round 2.
Wh...Ashi... Ashikawa That...
……
ドドド

What is all this?
What's goin on here?
ドクン!
ドクン
ドクン
Iwaoka's frightened too...
ドクン
What is that thing?
ドド
ドド
Are those guys even alive?
ドド
ドド

This is revenge for last night!
Barbarone!
Take this!
Barbarone Summoning!
This is not enough!
Summ-oning!
Summ-oning!

!!!
More!!!
More!
More!!
Barba-
rone
Grand
Summon-
ing!!!
!!!

Precious jewels, bestow to me...
...the power to bring destruction to my foe and all who serve him.
Haa...
This is over!
Kaos
Megilos
Hamunatos
Melgis

Van Laslo Zofel Munica
I wish you happiness in the next life...
Farewell!

Hiii...
.....
(株)大林
A... Ashikawa!
What...
Oh?
This will save me some time.
You're still here?
Huh...?

!!?
You've seen too much. This is the end of the road for you

.....?

If this is a dream, please let me wake up soon!!!!
What's going on!?
Who is Ashikawa!?

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ШААААААН！

……

!!

Ahhhh!

7:15

Gwah!!!

Haa...

Haa...

Haa...

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A... dream...?

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Haa...

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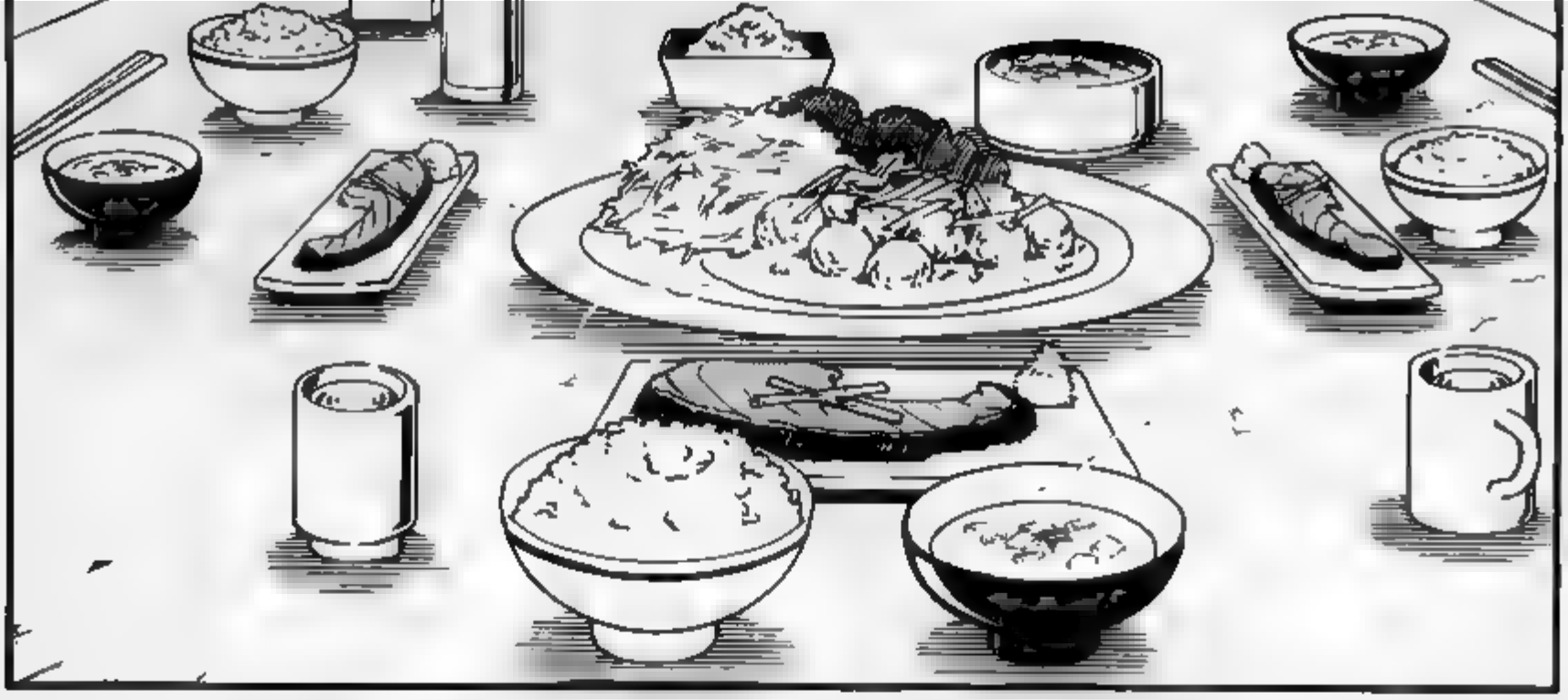
第2話　資格

Chapter 2: Eligibility



Are you really ok?
What...What happened to me last night?

……
You said "I'm home" then went to sleep up in your room.
You came home staggering around 7pm

ジャラ…
Oh? Good morning. Are you ok? Can you to go to school?

Ugh...

Ishioka and those are other 3rd year guys came took him and then..
We took Ashikawa, the new transfer student, to the game center..
Did it happen like that? I can't really remember

Hey, are you really ok Wataru?

I can't remember anything at all.

You shouldn't push it. Do you want to go to the hospital?

Yeah... I am Dad.

Ye...yeah.

In some societies, they say the most important thing you can learn is to be independent.

That means, if there's something you can do for yourself, then you should do it

Wataru isn't a kid anymore. If he says he's ok, he's ok.

But...

Wataru??!! Are you alive? You aren't injured are you?

I'm so relieved! You aren't a ghost! You even have legs!

Wh...what? I can't breathe Kacchan! Let me go!

We were worried about you! You ran off chasing Ashikawa and Ishioka but never came back.

...who knows?

.....

Then you guys fought?

Did something happen after that? Did you chicken out on the way there?

Hey...

ガラッ

!

Ashikawa!

!

……

Mo... morning.

You're ok too Ashikawa?! That's great!

I don't remember a single thing, what am I supposed to say!?

Nah... not really.

……

!

Nothing happened, we went our separate ways shortly after that

I don't think they're quite as horrible as you think.

……

……

What happened yesterday? This guy bravely chased after you guys but suddenly lost you.

We're still in the process of moving and I had a lot of things to do.

After that, I remembered I had some urgent business to attend to.

That's right.

You gotta be kidding me? Those jerks aren't so bad?

They act a lot like Yakuza, down to the way they talk and move.

!

I went ahead home by myself...forgive me for going on home alone.

Perhaps you just passed by me?

That's why I didn't run into Mitani-kun.

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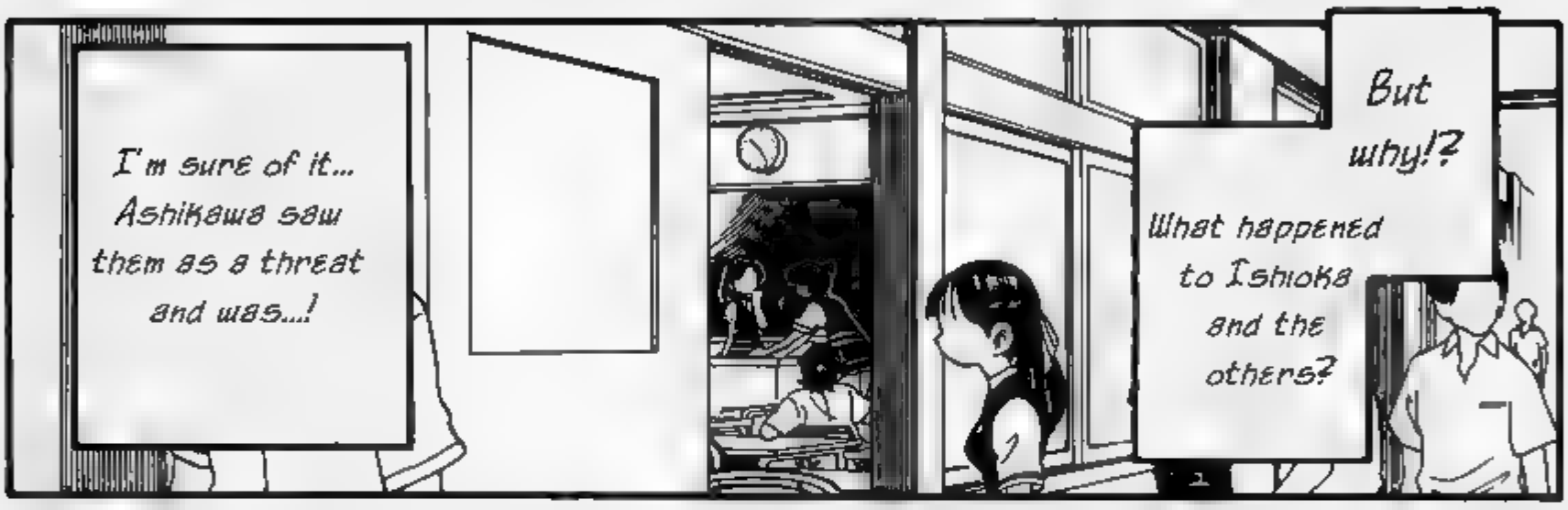
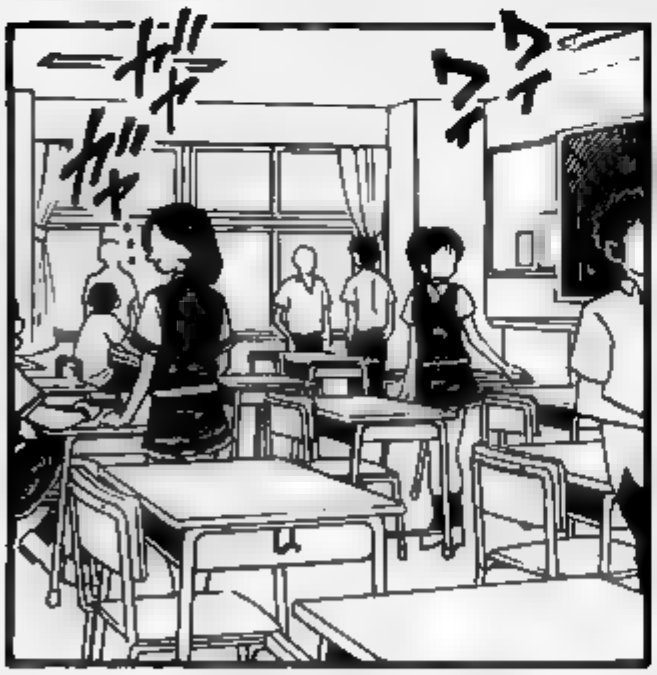
What? Is that it ya rascal?

Ashikawa's...lying...!?





Why can't I remember what happened last night?!

What's going on with me?

What... is that...?

A... Ashikawa!?

What are you doing here...

Hey...

...is the look on your face.

"I don't get it"...

Eh...? Nothing... much. You?

I wonder if something **really** happened last night.

Huh...?!

This may be none of my business but let me give you a piece of advice.

パタン

Huh? Wh...what's that supposed to mean?

He was so cute!

Really!

...you better be careful...

ぺちゃくちゃ

ぺちゃくちゃ

Ad... advice...!?

Misfortune that you couldn't possible hope to run away from.

Otherwise, great misfortune will befall you...

That's the destiny of those deemed eligible.

You've been chosen.

Mitani-kun!

What...are... you saying?

!!

Da... Daimatsu -san!

What's going on over there?

He's just right...

Where is he!?

Ashikawa -kun!?

!!!

Just talking with Ashikawa...

!?

Wh... what?

You've been chosen.

キャハハハ

……!!

ドキッ

What about Ishioka and the others?!

Are you saying they weren't chosen?

I just don't get it!!!

What was I chosen for?

What is he?

ドキドキ

What's their condition?

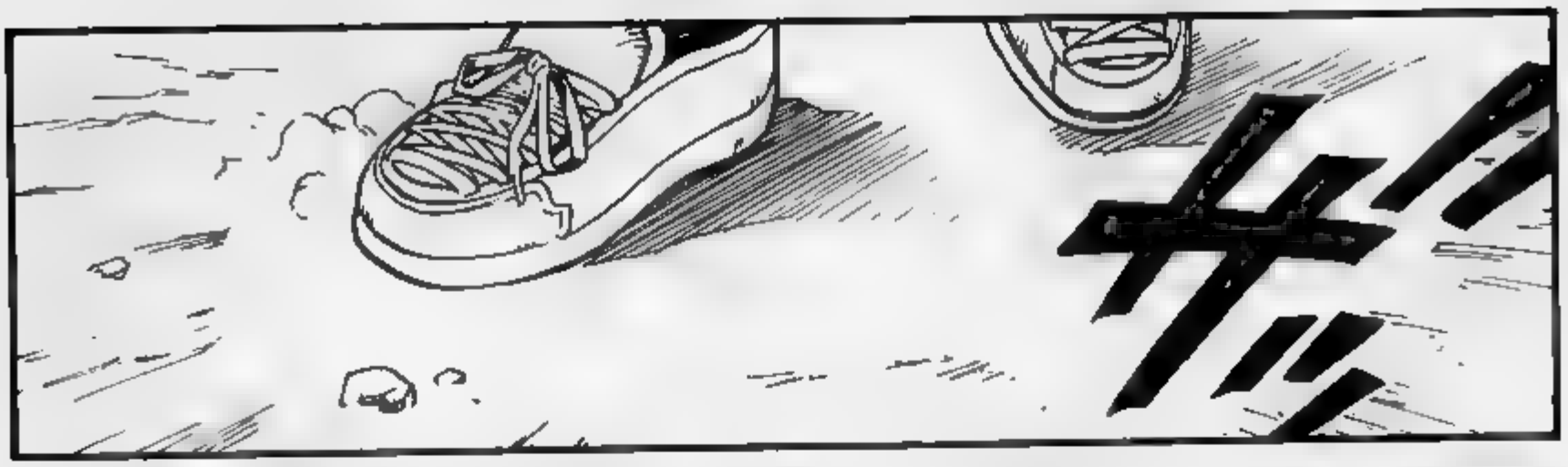
This is Vehicle #3! We've found three injuried people here

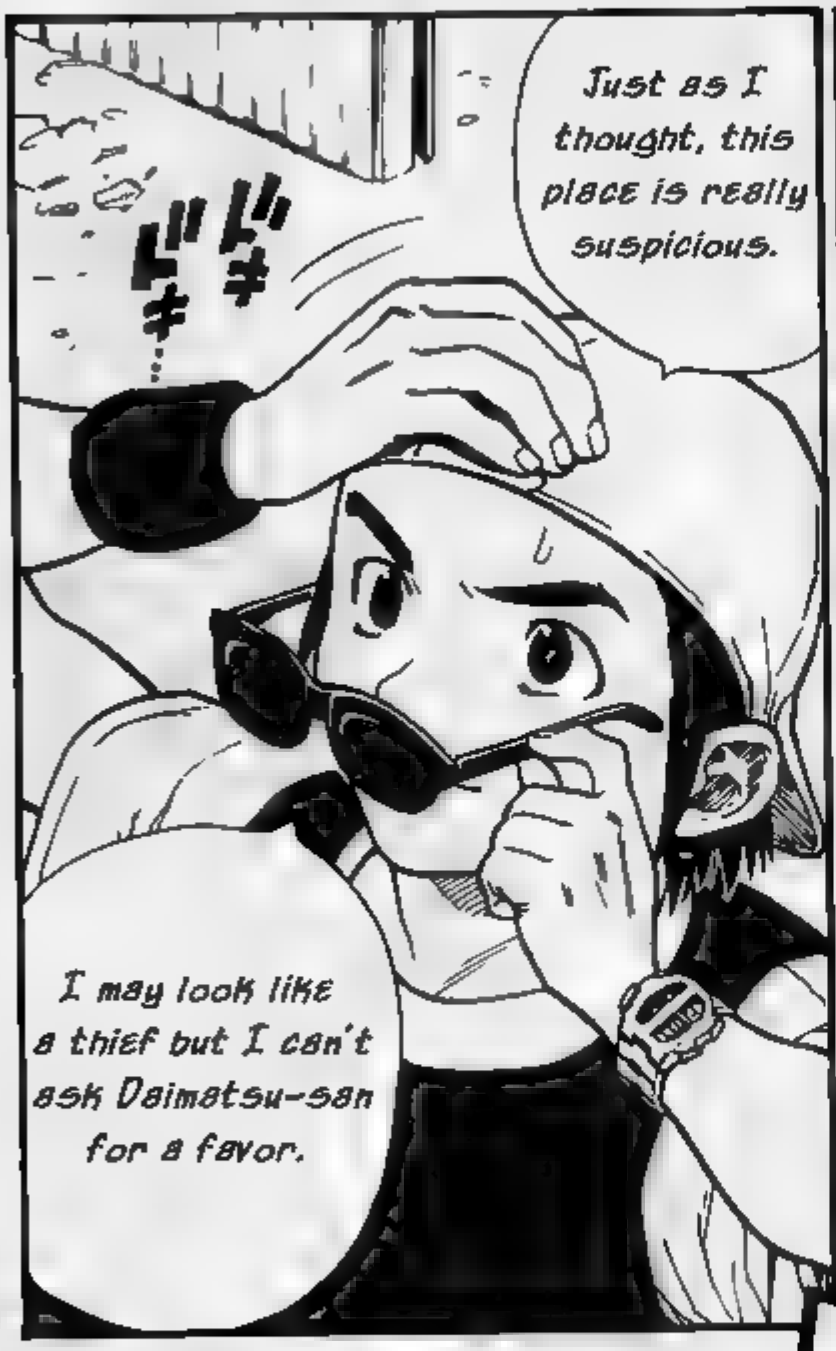
There seems to be no external injuries but there's no response from them at all.

It's like their souls were ripped from their bodies. There's a high chance they have some sort of drug in their system.

These two are 3rd year too...

He's carrying his Student ID...! He's a 3rd year student at Joutou Junior High, Ishioka Kenji...




Just as I thought, this place is really suspicious.
I may look like a thief but I can't ask Daimatsu-san for a favor.

(株)大松
(株)泡野工務店

I did my rounds but didn't see a thing.
...is what she said.

Yep, I can't ask for permission.

Time to go in! Sorry Osimatsu-san.

I guess being engulfed in my magic and not having his mind crumble is more than enough proof.

To think that fool is eligible to be a "Traveler".

It wasn't much but he did resist my magic despite having his memory erased

What happens after this will be a spectacle worth watching.

At any rate, He's now stepping into the very depths of hell.

Welcome to the world called "Vision"!

Th...

This is...!

Wh...

(株)大松
(株)泡野工務店

...that?

What is...

第3話　幻界（ヴィジョン）

Chapter 3: Vision

...?! What am I saying?

This has to be the first time I've been inside this building.

ズキッ ズキッ

When I was here last night, that...

I knew it! Did I come here last night!?

.....

Ok...

H'' H''...

A door...?

It does look like a door...
...but why would it be here?
What could this thing really be?
There's something radiating from inside...what is this light...?
...!!

I really must've gone crazy. It's opening and I'm not doing anything...

What am I thinking? There's no way this could be...

ドクン…

ドクン…

ゴクッ…

When this door opens, there couldn't be anything beyond it...

ドクン…

I knew something like that couldn't happen to me but you just have to hope. It was kind of like Valentine's Chocolates...

ドクン…

That's right, there's no way. It's like when you think you won the lottery...

ドクン…

It's like the bath at Shizuka-chan's house...

See, I knew it...!

Uh...

AAAAAA!

Uuahhhh hhhh!!!

Ugh!!

Oof!

Wh...What's going on?

Blah!

Blah, bleh!

.....

.....

What happened?

What is this...?

Where am I...?

.....

I...I am...?!

ナグッ

ドカッ

!!!

...!?

おそる おそる...

うおおお

!!!!

What is that thing?

Gross!!

Grrrrrr

Guh...

怪物…化け物……

たしか…以前にどこかで……

I remember now!

Oh!

Grawr

Gah!

That wasn't a dream...?

This can't be real.

Seeing something this real in my dreams...

Playing too many games really is bad for you.

Ugh...cuts aren't supposed to hurt in dreams! This is crazy!

!!

That thing is trying to eat me!?

If I don't do something!!

That's it!!

Sorry, but I'm not going to be your meal!!

Uuah!!

ズバッ

ズバッ

.....

What the hell is that thing...? It's like something you find in a RPG...

...but it can't be...

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Guha...

Haa...Haa...

I thought I was dead for sure..

Just that and I'm exhausted...

If I get attacked again I'll be eaten for sure...!!

!?

Unbelievable. You beat a Spiral Wolf. Well done.

That was just one though. You won't be able to win like that.

However, when they attack in groups is when they're the most fearsome

Ashi-kawa!

You're the one that took my memories last night, right?

Yes, I couldn't let you know who I really am

It isn't "like magic", it is real magic.

The "Gate" deemed me eligible.

What's with those monsters?!

Where is this place exactly?!

What are you...?!

Why can you use something that looks like magic?!

This door brought you here. It connects this world with the world we live in.

It's said to open once in 10 years, sometimes even less. Thanks to the incident last night, it seems to have appeared in the Daimatsu Building.

Gate...?

What?

Something strayed into our world from beyond the "Gate" and it seems I had to deal with the annoyance.

I think you already know it but last night's monster was from this world.

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Parallel to the world of humans, a world of swords and magic...

"Vision"

Where gods reside...

A world where a person's thoughts becomes reality!

Thankfully, that thing was nocturnal and that allowed me to go to school.

...Let me tell you the name of this world.

Whether you believe or not, that is up to you This is the border between dreams and reality, a place of the ambiguous and vague

I'll be blunt...

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Vision... Traveler..?

What the hell is that!?

Cut the jokes, I'm not stupid!

I am a "Traveler", that is what humans from our world are called.

I'll be the only "Traveler" in this world.

The truth is, I destroyed your soul!

You were mistaken. I didn't erase your memories last night.

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It's what happened to those three that were with me then...

I turned them into soulless husks!

...!!!

What...!!

You were the only one that was unaffected Mitani!

Then you stepped into this world, into Vision.

That is the proof that you are eligible to be a "Traveler".

...!!

I will not let anyone interfere!!

Including you Mitani-kun!

!!!

Do you think you can survive this Wataru Mitani!?

Ashi-kawa...

Now go, my Spiral Wolves!

Wooooo!

Grr!

Grrrr!

!!!

第4話　現実問題

Chapter 4: Problematic Reality

It's already this late!?

Where could Wataru be?

ピンポーン!

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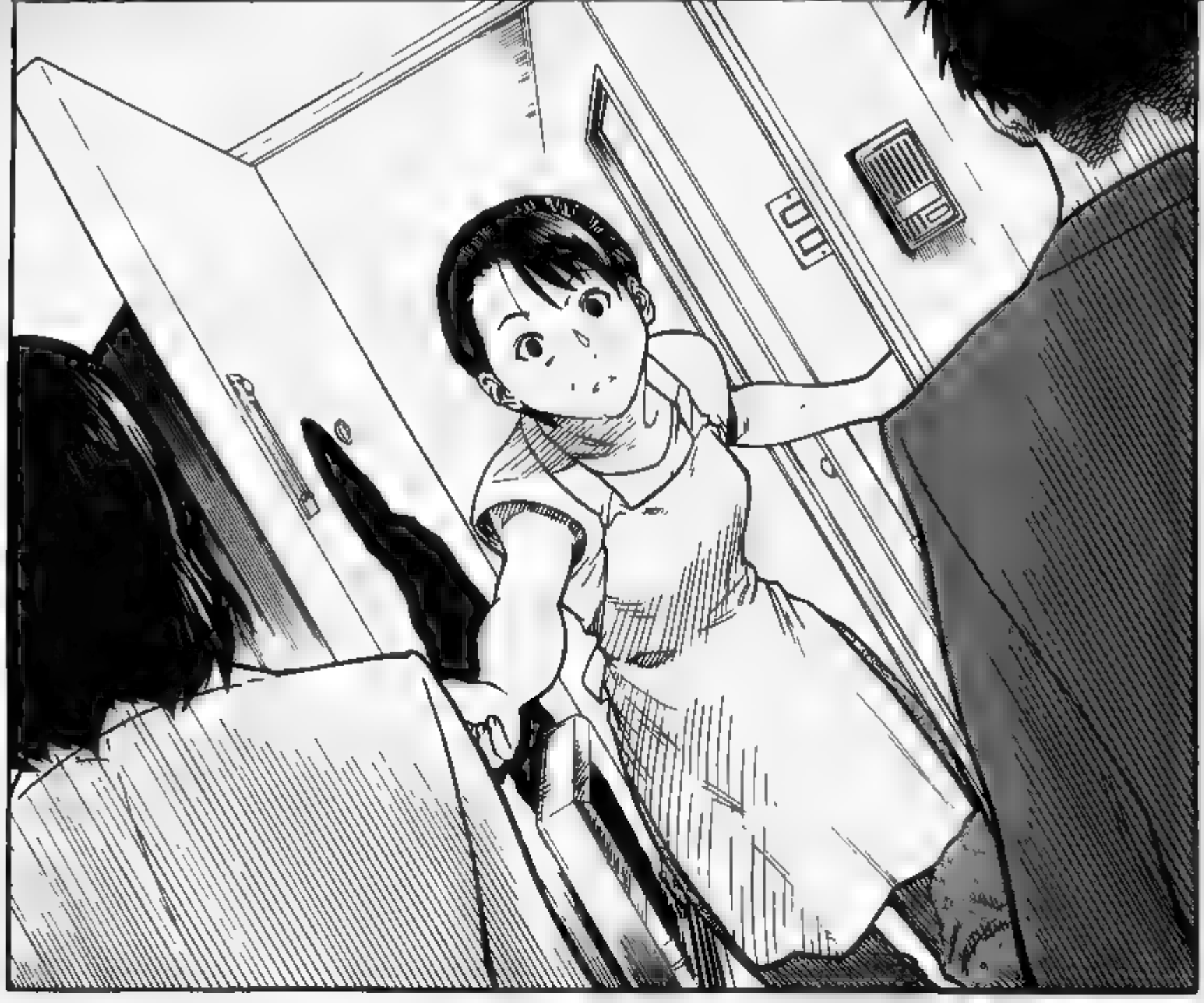
Welcome back! You're really late...

ピンポーン...



Ииаааааааан!

Agh!!

Ugh!

Guaaaaa!

!!!

I figured that was all he was capable of...

Spiral Wolves are indeed strong but he can't possibly defeat them unless he's calm. He's not even a worthy opponent.

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Uwah!

Pathetic.

I can't stand to watch this anymore. Let's end this now.

Ashikawa!

Help.... help me!!

Don't come any closer!

Uwaaaa!!!

!!?

Waaa!

Seems like he finally noticed!

My, my...

That's...

I'm going to die!

I'm done for!!

I'm sorry for all the trouble! Forgive me..

I'm sorry Mom, Dad!

Gah!?

Calm down, child of man.

...Eh?

Eh?

Who said this kind behavior was acceptable?

.....

Mitsuru...

!!

I just wanted to test him a little bit...

Forgive me, he is eligible to become a "Traveler".

That is for me to decide.

He isn't even at the starting line yet.

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Ouch!

Thank you...

It was nothing.

If so, why is an inexperienced and weak human like him eligible!?

I understand Master Rau. However, you said wisdom and courage is essential to a "Traveler"

Ashi-
kawa...

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Be thankful of that blessing. If you selfishly step beyond your bounds, you will be stripped of your Traveler eligibility. Is that what you want?

Surely you jest.

It didn't turn out like expected...

I understand. I'll leave for now.

The "Goddess" bestows the chance equally to all.

It is not for us to know.

At any rate, it would be a waste if he became a "Traveler".

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What are you talking about? You're really creepy!
I may not know what's going on at all but are you trying to make a fool out of me!?
Before he does, I wonder what sort of "fate" he will have to endure.
Be ready Mitani...
Humans can't escape fate.
Reality is truly and mercilessly cruel. You can't reset it like you can a videogame.

...?

Ah!!

...You'll understand. Until then, your life is in your own hands.

If you were able to reset it, it would be...

Hey, kid!

What's with him!? He arrogantly messes with people and then leaves all on his own...

Ah, I didn't...

Ashi-kawa...!

Of course! Do you even know understand how dangerous this place is?
.....
Thank you very much for helping me out of a dangerous...
Yes, sir.
Next time, I won't help! You hear that?!
I don't normally help out but this time is special!
Did you think that the "Gate" is some sort of sideshow attraction?!
Yes.
Giga, Take him back to his world.
Wa... wait!
Anyway,
I'm glad you're safe.
....
Can I ask you one question?
What is it?
This isn't your world or a dream.
However, what happens here is reality. If you were eaten, you would die.

I am the guardian of the "Gate", Rau!

If you so wish it, we will meet again!

Understand this, fate is crueler than you could possibly imagine.

If you wish to change fate, you need only ask the "Gate"

What's a "Traveler"?

Can I become something like Ashikawa?!

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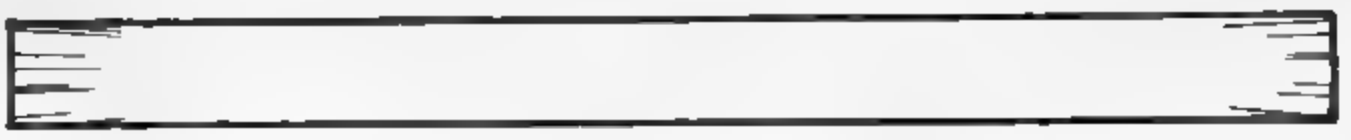
That will be for you to decide!

You can if you try or won't if you do not.



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U...uh...

...didn't disappear

My Wounds...

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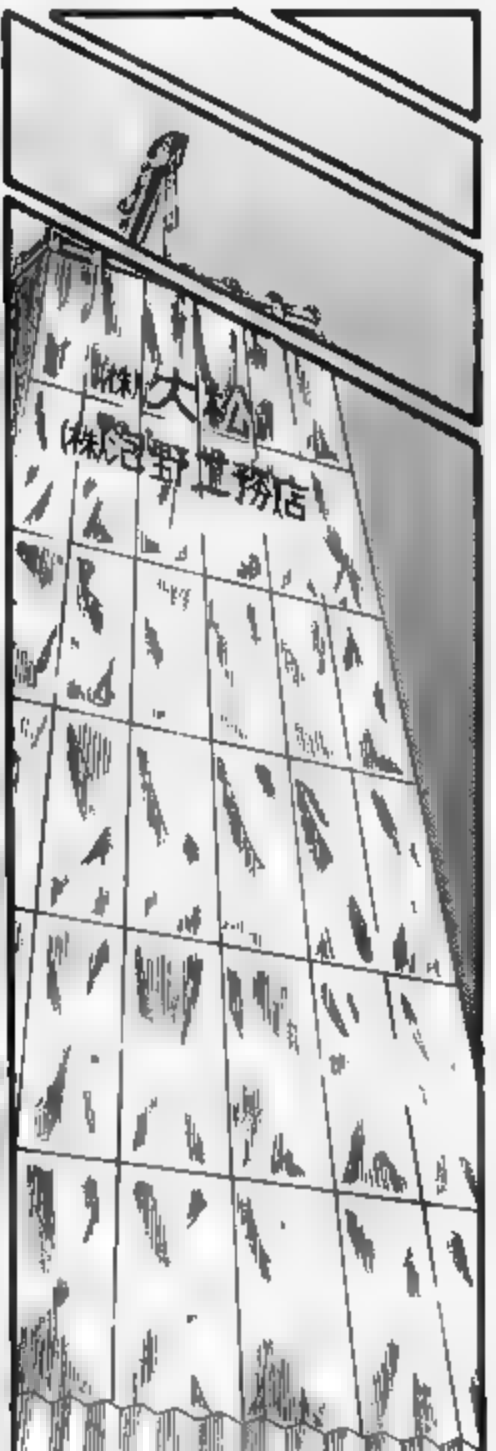
(株)大松
(株)宮野建物店

My head feels like it's gonna burst, talk about harsh fate

Man, it had to rain all of a sudden.

!?

Ah...do you have some business at my house?

Wataru...

!!

Dad...

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Thanks for waiting.

.....

Who's this woman?

Where are you going at this hour?

Wataru...

I am...

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Mom!

Your father...

Wataru...

...left us.

He's...

Reality is truly and mercilessly cruel...

Humans can't escape fate.

Chapter 5: Confession

第5話　告白

It's done!

Here's a hearty breakfast that's healthy for your body! Eat up!

It's ok if you don't eat it all. Just have some then go to school!

.....

You don't have to worry about anything Wataru.

.....

I'm sorry about last night.

Your father's just tired from work; he needs some time to collect himself.

Take care of your mother.

Bye, Wataru...

Fate is crueler than you can possibly imagine.

You can't reset it like you can a videogame.

.....!

A Retelling of a Classic

BRAVE STORY

My father, Akira Mitani, was an average Salaryman working at an iron manufacturing company.

He was always late coming home but he was smart and always cared about his family more than anything else.

He was a father you could be proud of.

...last night, he left our home with a woman I didn't know.

But...

This morning, my mother was laughing but you could see the red in her eyes...

LEO

YOU LOSE!

At breakfast, she made enough food for another person...

You're playing awful Wataru, something up?

Shit! Again?

It's nothing.

You've been losing for awhile now though.

It's fine.

It's a game... I can start over as many times as I want.

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Cheer up Wataru!

Tomorrow, be ready for the greatest present you've ever gotten!

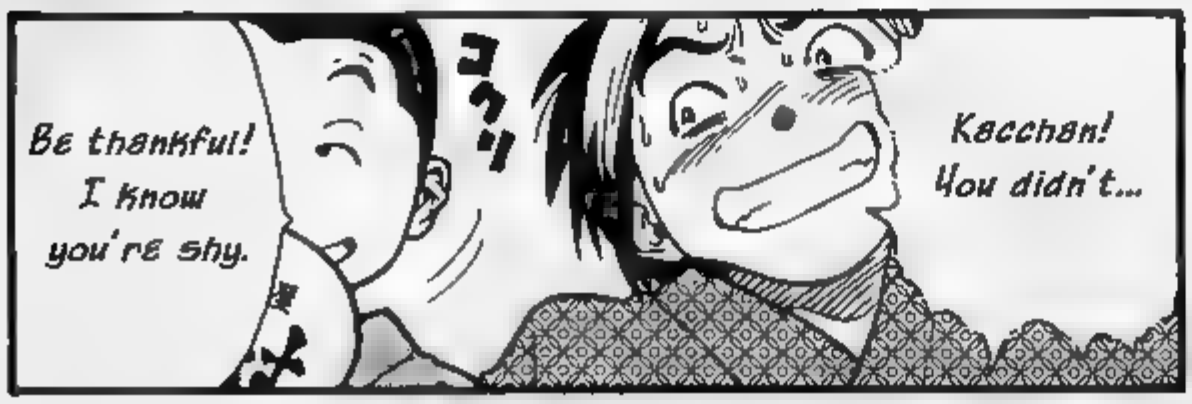
Huh?

Oh yeah! Tomorrow...

ソースせんべい

Where are the other two?
I haven't seen them yet.
Hey!
Mitani-kun! Komura-kun! Over here!

We didn't think you would invite us!
We came because it looked like so much fun.
Thanks!


Kacchan! You didn't...
Be thankful! I know you're shy.

Oh?

What!?

You know, this guy hasn't been feeling well lately!

He said "If I could meet Daimatsu-san, I'd feel better"!

So that's how it is!

Idiot! What are you...

What wonderful benevolence!

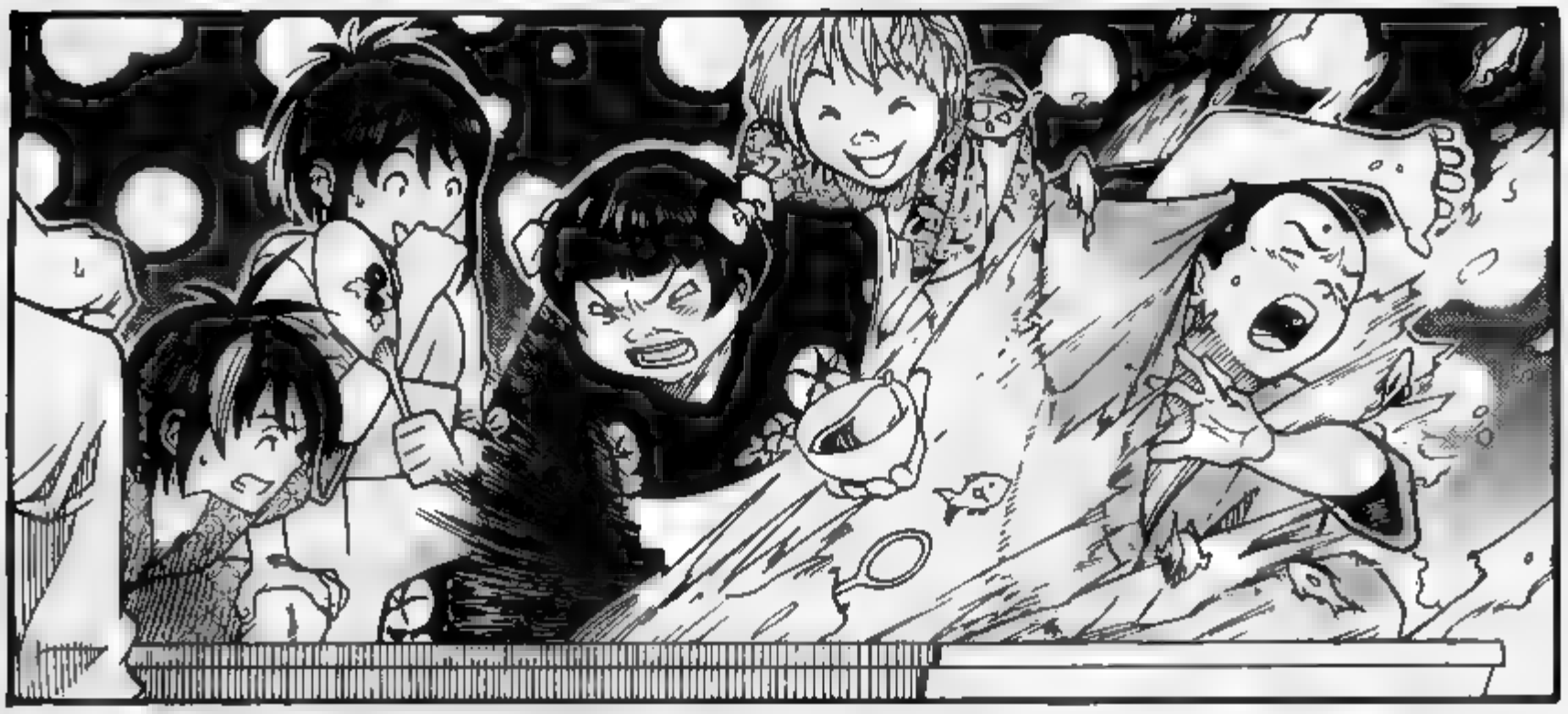
Eh?

The great Goddess Kaori will listen to all your worries!

Very well!

We're not talking about you.

I actually have something on my...



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It's about time...

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We've lost them...

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Aitste! Bun-bun! Where'd you go?!

Hey Kacchan!

Huh?

Where is everyone?

Now that you mention it...

Thank you Kacchan!

You are a true friend!

Hey, where are they?

Kacchan lead them somewhere else so Daimatsu-san and I could be alone?

He must've?!

If we don't find any, you're dead.

What are tsuchinoko anyway?

I saw them with my own eyes!

Are there really any tsuchinoko here?

You have something on your mind, right?

How about we talk now?

Oh!

That's right!

You don't have to hold back, I won't tell anyone else.

It'll be our secret.

Ah...

It's not something I can talk about to another person.

No...

I just want you to feel better.

Do you really want to know?

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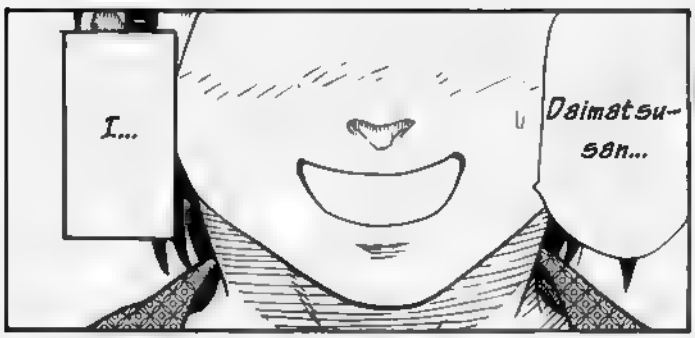
Ye...yeah.

So, cheer up Mitani-kun!

I'm just really worried about you.

I'll tell her...

The atmosphere is just right...



Daimatsu-san is so kind!
It feels like I could forget all of those awful things for now
With that kind of reaction, maybe she likes me...

資料提供／bohemian's photo shop

Yeah...

It's kind of scary!

They were found the other day but they don't know the reason why they're still in a coma.

Ashikawa... He really did destroy their souls!

Those who know about who I am must be dealt with...

Hey...what's Ashikawa-kun like...?

What he's like...?

Ka....Kacchan! He just has to talk too much!

The incident with Ishioka didn't have anything to do with Ashikawa-kun, did it?

...you and Ashikawa -kun are close friends

Well...it seems like...

I heard it from Komura-kun but he said it'd be better to ask you...

Wh...who'd you hear it from?

So what's he like?

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How can I say this...

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He's nothing...

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Oooh, I can't take it...

I guess I can tell since it's you Mitoni-kun. I...

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...for Ashikawa-kun...

I have feelings...

I must look so stupid, I'm telling you what I've been worried about...

Oh no, I actually said it!

What am I saying!

I'm sorry!

It's just that I feel like I can talk to you about anything.

You can't tell anyone else!

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He's just...

It's better if you don't... he's...

Wh...

What do you mean?

Eh...?

It's better if you don't...

.....

Why are you saying that...?

Because... because... he's...

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Mitsuru Ashikawa's really...!

A Retelling of a Classic

BRAVE STORY

Look! It's over there!

I'm serious! I'm sure there was! I saw it with my own two eyes!

If you catch it, it's worth a million yen! Good luck!

Hey! Are there really tsuchinoko around here?

?

Phew, playing Cupid isn't easy.

I hope it's going well for Wataru.

.....

What do you mean...

That's...

.....

What is he...?

Ashikawa-kun's really what...?

.....

Those who know who I am must be dealt with....

!!!
Anyway, he's...

I may not know what happened but people who talk bad about their friends are the worst!
You're terrible Mitani -kun!

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Hi Tr Tr...

Goodbye!
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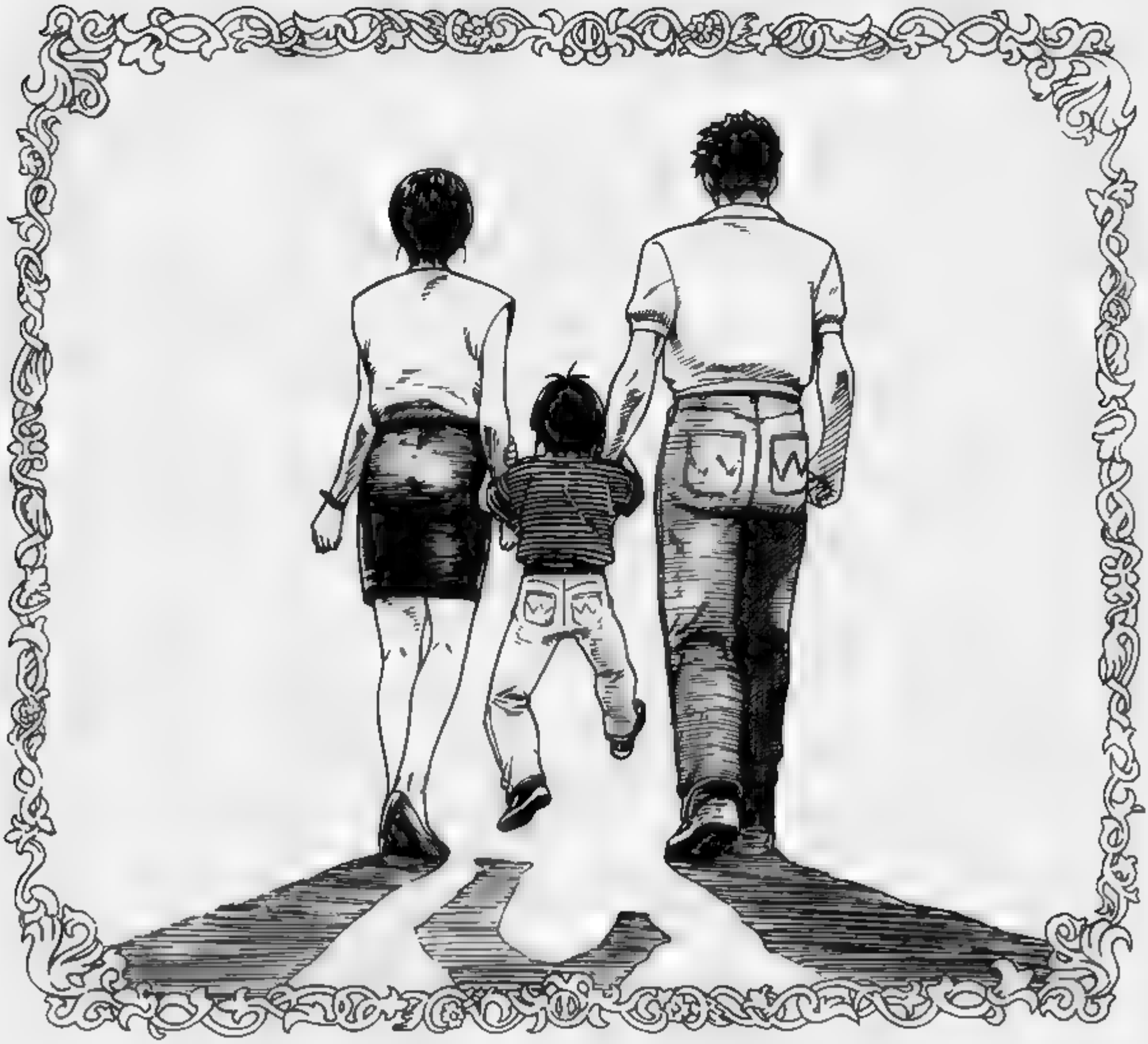
Oh Man!

第6話　孤独

Chapter 6: Solitude



Come-...
...own eyes...
...it'll hurt...
...Wataru is...
...recon-sider. I-... but....
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...too sudden-...
I... Wataru...
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ナデナデ...

W... Welcome back!

How was it? Fun?

Dad...what he say...?

Wa... Wataru!

The bath is ready, you should take one.

It's not something you have to worry about.

It was nothing...

Why did Dad do such an awful thing to us...

He abandoned us...

He went to live with another woman...

.....

Why...?

...why... we...

We haven't brought ourselves to hate him yet...

...but...

...what I don't understand is...

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Чои Кюш...

ガキ!!

.....

We're family...

You can in front of me...

You don't need to push yourself...

It's ok if you cry...

So...

I know how much it hurts...

It's just us now...

If you say that I...

U...u...

.....

Stop...

...Wataru!

...I'm so sorry...

I'm sorry...
I'm sorry...
Wataru

Seeing my mom and being rejected by Kaori...

...was too much to bear.

Waaaaaaaaa!!!!

You're such a good son...

カーン…

コーン…

Yeah, yeah! Then Bun-Bun...

Hey, don't!

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.....

This is awkward but I don't want her to see me...

ズル…

Man, no good...

Hey! Mitani! You shouldn't be taking someone's hair! Return it now!

She's not bothered about last night...

...but... She's acting like always...

Anyway, I've got something interesting to show you.

Can you come over to my house?

Mitani-kun!

Don't be so gloomy, it's just one girl. There'll be others!

I'm not really gloomy...

Hey Wataru! Wataru!!!

What?

ガタ!!

Ashi-
kawa...!!

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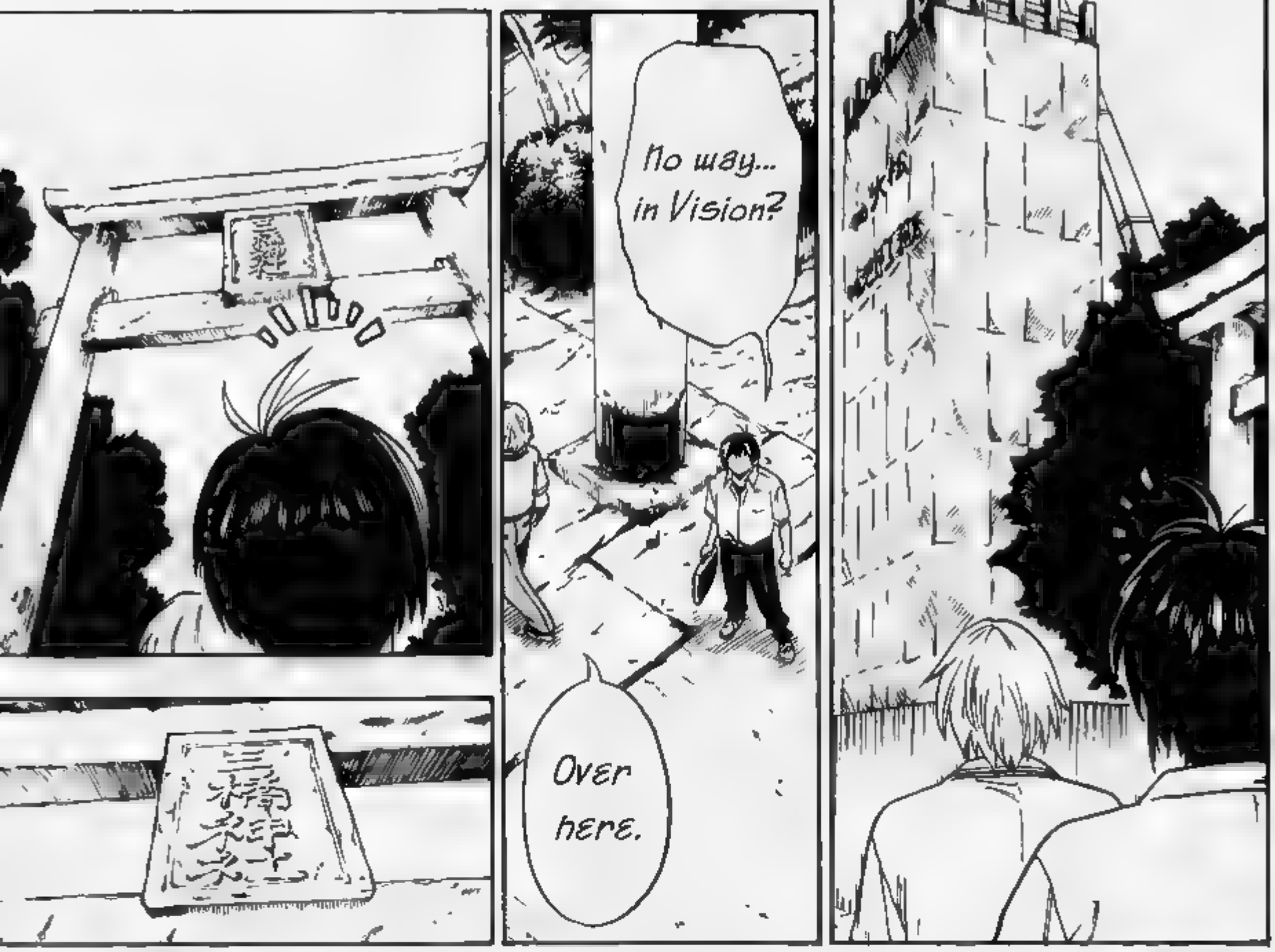
Hey,
where are
we going?

Somewhere
we can have a
thorough talk

We can
do that
anywhere.


No way... in Vision?
Over here.

Local shrine?
This is the local Shinto shrine.
Nice scenery, eh?

A place where "gods" reside.

What did you want?

Going to make fun of me again?

You might say that. You passed through the door. I didn't thinkyou would since you're so childish

Take a seat...

...!?

What!?

You shouldn't worry too much; being childish isn't a bad thing.

If it were, kindergartners like you would be a nuisance to everyone.

You know, you're really obnoxious!

That makes no sense! People call that a fallacy!

Why you...!

Heh...

If you're that spoiled, you should run home crying to mommy and daddy.

Oof...

I'll give you some advice. All you are is noisy, don't get involved.

Something is going to happen to you if you're like that. You should worry about yourself.

Guh...

Ugh...

Huh?

That's my line! I don't have it easy like you do.

What?

Why do you say that?

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You're passive...

...and much too tepid.

You're better off buying yourself some sympathy.

...!!

It's not like they're dead.

You shouldn't cry like a baby about a divorce.

One in three Japanese people get divorced.

That's for your sake.

Don't come near the door again.

If that's how it is, you aren't qualified to go to Vision.

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Something happen with Ashikawa?

I just found out something incredible about Ashikawa!

Eh!?

Nevermind, let's just hurry to my house!

There you are Wataru!

!

Something startling happened in his past...!!

You're going to be surprised...

I'm home!

Mom?
Dad?
Mi...
Anyone here?

第7話　秘密

Chapter 7: Secret

A Retelling of a Classic

BRAVE STORY

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На...

На...

I must've dozed off.

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A dream...

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Midori...
Your big brother is crying again...
I'm sorry...
Something happened to him?

You know our house is a bar too right? Well, some of our classmate's dads come here.

To be more exact, a customer at our store.

Wasn't me, it was my dad.

So a few days ago, Sanae-chan's dad came to the bar.
Sanae in our class? The one with the sharp nails that they call "Sanae the cat-girl"?

川崎市内の会社員(34)宅で

26日午後5時ごろ、神奈川県川崎市内の会社員(3
会社員の妻(32)と長女(5つ)、そして
されているのを、会社員の長男(10)

This...

This is...

Here it is...

A news story from four years ago...

I'm taking it now!

Kilar

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Ok, ready?

Hurry Dad!

ジージー

ピロロロ

You're a regular on the team this year?

Is that right Mitsuru?

Yeah.

ピロロロ

Oh? You're going to be a bride Midori?

I'm going to be a bride when I grow up!

All right!

You'll be a pro soccer player like Nakata soon!

Haha.

Hey, Daddy!

That's not all; he got a lot of invitations from other middle schools.

Is that so?

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It'll be OK! I'll be Daddy's bride!

Daddy doesn't want you to be a bride.

The Ashikawa family is made up of Nagaharu (34) and his wife, Mika (32).

They have a son (10) and a daughter, Midori (5), which made up the four person household

According to neighbors, "They were the ideal family anyone would be envious of"

I'll be going now.

カチャッ

Have a good day.

I'll be home around 7pm tonight...

So...

...you're not planning on going anywhere right?

Yeah...

...but I have to go grocery shopping in the evening...

Don't go and meet a man while you're out...

There's nothing like that going on. Why are you always...

Not that again...

I'm sorry...

It just makes me nervous when I think of our relationship falling apart...

I love you...

I would never do anything to ruin this happiness.

It'll be ok, I'm happy.

You told him that you were going shopping.

Besides...

He's starved for love. That's why he's so controlling...

That man was lonely, every since he was a child...

Oh, sorry.

Hey, I told you to stop smoking. The smell of the smoke will stay in the house.

ギッ...

Ironic isn't it?

He can love but he can't trust...

See you later Midori-chan!

See you tomorrow!

Mika...

ねぇ ねぇ

!!!

Who's that man...?

!!!

I thought it'd been strange lately and then I come home to this...!!

D...Dear!

Mommy?

I'm home!

ガチャ

Do we have any snacks Mommy?

!

Where's Mommy?

What's wrong? Why are you crying?

Midori!

Oh, Midori!

Daddy!

...Do you love Daddy?

Z"Z"Z...

Midori...

I'm gonna be Daddy's bride...

I...do...

...won't you?

Then you'll die with Daddy...

Dad? Mom?

Anyone here?

I'm home!

Mi...

...Around 5pm on the night of the 26th, in the Yamazaki City home of Ashikawa Nagaharu, the bodies of his wife Mika, daughter Midori, and an unknown man presumed to be the wife's lover were found dead...

Uuaaa!!!!!

When the son returned home, a figure that was seen fleeing near there.

There weren't any noises reported in the neighborhood...

After the police investigation, it was suspected that Nagaharu was the perpetrator in the murder...

Without his parents...My dad was right...

He was living in America until recently right?

One week later, the corpse of the father was found near the sea in Shizuoka...

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Ashikawa...

Onii-chan...

O...nii... cha...n...

Midori! Midori!

So...please... don't cry...

Please... don't... cry...

I'm... scared...

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ヒュウ

ヒュウ

Please wait Midori...

For you...

...this is the last time that I'll cry.

...don't ...cry...

ズッ!...

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ポン

Just for now...

I know...

A Retelling of a Classic

BRAVE STORY

I don't know but it was huge...!!!

Before I realized it My friend... My friend was!!

The perpetrator's objective?

About that...

That's three people now...

We may have figured out the perpetrator's objective...

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All of the bones on such large man's body were crushed in one blow...

His internal organs were ripped to shreds...

And on top of that, it created a giant hole in a concrete wall. The perpetrator...

第8話　理由

Chapter 8: Reason

After the beep, please leave your name and message...

Redirecting to voicemail...

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I figured ..... it wouldn't go through...

He said he had a phone installed at the house...

Damn old man...

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ﾌｧｯ

That's right... compared to what happened to Ashikawa, our situation is...

You shouldn't cry like a baby about a divorce

It's not like they're dead.

Hey, you!

It has nothing to do with me...

Yeah...

Going shopping at a time like this?

So it was you Mitani-san!

Officer!

There have been murders in the neighborhood, a third just happened.

Didn't you see the news?

You can't be walking around alone now!

It's really been dangerous around here lately.

Did something happen?

Eh?

There's a chance that they're in hiding.

The perpetrator hasn't been caught yet.

Yes, sir!

You should hurry home.

That's why we've increased our patrols and are telling residents to stay home.

Not a single good thing has happened since Ashikawa transferred here!

I better hurry home...

Man, now a murderer!

ぎゃあ

ドキ!!

Hey!

I told you not to come near here again.

You're a glutton for punishment.

ドキ!

ドキ!

Wh...

Wh...

Hmph...

I didn't know!

I can't do anything about it! This is the way I go home!

...Eh?

...Ah!

Well...

...actually...

...this is good. I wanted to apologize to you.

?

That's why...

...and I said...

I didn't know your family situation...

...that you had it easy.

You found out about my family?
So you found out?

Do I have to anything to gain from your sympathy?
That's why you're offering sympathy to me? I don't need it.

.....!!

It isn't needed.
I won't accept your pity.

Whatever, the media already reported about it anyway.

Anyway, now that you know...

Umph...

へたっ…

Grr...

...do you want me to tell you?

Why I went to Vision and became a Traveler...

The reason is...

What...the...

GYAAAA!!!!

This way!
What!?
!!!

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What...!?

Again!?

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ゴッ…

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!!

Monster!!!

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Guh...

Damn thing...

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This isn't your world!

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Look out!

ズヨーン

!!!

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Gwah!!

That must be the thing responsible for the three murders...

Oh, man! Another monster from Vision passed through the gate to our world!

Guh...

Ashikawa!

Get lost! You're just in the way!

Get off of me!

Oooo!!!

ウゥゥゥゥゥゥゥゥ！！！

Haa...

Kaos
Megilos

Take this!

Hamnatos
Melgis

Umph...

Ashi-kawa!

Why are there monsters from Vision coming here?!

What's going on?!

I can't leave this sort of dangerous problem alone!

You told me not togo near the Gate again but...

Phew...

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What can the police do against something like that!? They wouldn't believe you anyway!

I'm going to go tell the Police?!

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A new monster might show up and kill more people!

Then what should we do!?

...!!

What?! Two of them have though already!

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The only ones that should be able to pass through the gate are the ones eligible to be "Travelers"

No...

Originally, monsters weren't able to pass through the gate!

...!!

Anyway, I have no intention of closing the "Gate"...

Eh?

I don't know but...

Something is going to happen and that's the only thing I'm sure of...

...something bad.

In there lives a "Goddess of Fate" that can change it as you desire.

Somewhere in Vision there's a place called "The Tower of Fate"

That's the reason I became a Traveler

My family... I'm going to bring my little sister back to life!

...!!

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フォローをしてくれる方々
本当にありがとうございます!!

なかなかお返事出来ず申し訳ナイ(x_x)
この場を借りて御礼申し上げます。

小野洋一郎

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